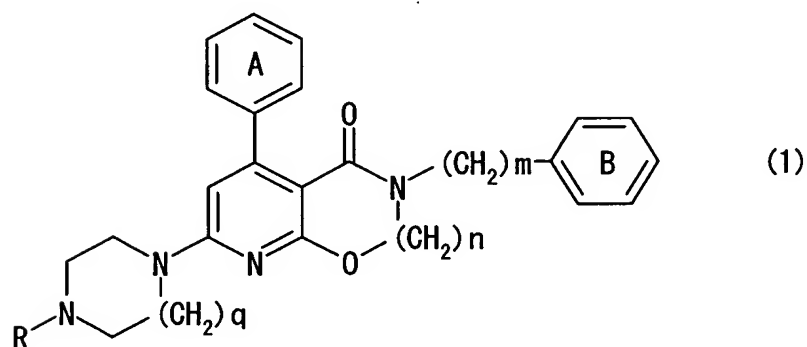


ABSTRACT

A fused bicyclic pyridine derivative represented by the following general formula (1), or a salt thereof:



wherein the rings A and B are each a benzene ring, which may have 1 to 3 substituents (any adjacent two of which may be bound to one another to form a ring) that are each independently selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₆ alkyl group, and a substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₆ alkoxy group;

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R is a C₁ to C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a C₁ to C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, a C₁ to C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, or a formyl group;

15 m is 1 or 2;

 n is 2 or 3; and

 q is 1 or 2.